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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of March 10, 1997 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 10, 1997. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

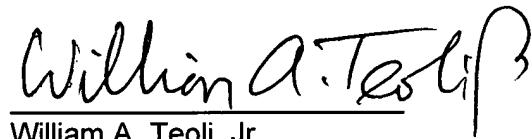
In accordance with the Commissioner's Notice of May 13, 1983, published at 1031 OG 11, June 14, 1983, the response to said Office Action is a request for filing a continuing application of the above-identified application.

The above-noted application is hereby expressly abandoned, as of the filing date granted to the continuing application, provided that this petition for extension of time be approved and that the continuing application be granted a filing date.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the amount of \$930.00 for payment of the extension fee. A duplicate copy of this paper is here enclosed.

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